Talks with ULFA Leaders

2068. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFATRS , be pleased to state :

fa) what is the present position of the proposed talks of Govt, with the ULFA leaders;

(b) what are the causes of delay in holding the much published talks with the insurgents;

(c) whether any truce has been arrived at by the Government of Assam with the ULFA; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (d) No formal talks have been held by the Govt, of Assam with the ULFA, which has since split into pro-talk and anti-talk factions as a result of "Operation Rhino". The pro-talk leaders have recently formed a coordination committee, which they could not do earlier. Operations are continuing against the militant hard-liners.

Assistance to Kashmiri Migrants

2069. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a large number of cases during the past one year Government could not verify the Kashmiri migrants and they have been left to suffer; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such migrants whose cases are yet to be decided for grant of assistance and relief ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House,

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Killings of Policemen by Naxalites

2070. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalites had killed some policemen in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra, recently and also in Warangal in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such bnrtal killings by the Naxalites in different States;

(c) the compensation paid by Government to the kith and kin of the policemen killed by the Naxalites; and

(d) the financial assistance given by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nexus between Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir Militants

2071. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the nexus between Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir militants who are working in tandem in the border areas of Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab has been unearthed by Government; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to control the militancy in the two states ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Arrest and interrogation of militants by security forces Was revealed that there is a